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Music from the television film score composed, conducted and arranged by Jerry Goldsmith

Starring: Ben Gazzara Co-Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Leslie Caron and Lee Remick as Lady Margaret

"QB VII," based on the internationally best selling novel by Leon Uris, must rank to date, as the longest, most elaborate and most expensive film in the history of the television medium.

The epic drama of QB VII tells the stories of two men, one, a noted American writer (played by Ben Gazzara) and the other, a European doctor (played by Anthony Hopkins), whose careers culminate in a dramatic and suspenseful confrontation at London's Royal Courts of Justice in Queen's Bench Courtroom No. VII (hence, the title, "QB VII"). The story is based on a real courtroom trial in which Leon Uris was the defendant in a suit growing out of his novel, "Exodus." In the television drama, the writer accuses the doctor of performing illegal operations for medical experiments during World War II. Denying this, the doctor sues the writer for libel. The story extends from 1945 to 1973, tracing the lives of both men from the end of the war through their confrontations in the courtroom.

Under Tom Gries' direction (a double Emmy Award winner) production began in February, 1973. There was a four month shooting schedule which included locations in four countries on three continents, from Hollywood, U.S.A. through England and Europe on to Israel. Its 340-page shooting script, written by Oscar winner Edward Anhalt, was enough for three ordinary feature pictures. Its almost 200 speaking parts represented the largest cast ever assembled for a single television production. More than 500 extras filled out the cast. A Bedouin tribe moved their entire encampment - tents, families, live stock, and all - miles from their home to a filming location near the Jordanian border within sight of the Dead Sea.

Roughly 1500 production personnel have been involved in this movie, including American, British, French and Israeli film crews, plus Flemish and Arabic interpreters. Twenty-four of the cast can be classified as "stars" here or in Europe. It took 4,000 pieces of wardrobe to cover the 30-year span of styles. Ben Gazzara, alone, had 31 changes. The two leads, Gazzara and Hopkins, were required to age thirty years. The script called for more than 450 different scene numbers, utilizing 67 different interior sets built here and in London, plus 141 natural locations (from a synagogue to a torture chamber, from Oxford college grounds to the famous Chagall windows in Jerusalem). The confrontation in the courtroom will consume approximately 100 minutes on the screen and was filmed with four cameras - operating simultaneously-to capture in sequence the suspense and tension of the drama. Climactic courtroom scenes had coverage from 24 different points of view for use in final editing. It was a gigantic undertaking, three years in the making to arrive at a final viewing of over six hours.

To composer Jerry Goldsmith fell what is surely the toughest assignment any film composer has ever faced. His final score is over two hours long, with enough different themes for a half dozen motion pictures. As Jerry explains it: "Having scored over 65 motion pictures and more television programs than one can remember, I can quite honestly say that QB VII was probably the greatest creative challenge I have ever faced. One central musical statement or theme was impossible for a drama of this scope and dimension. It was necessary to treat each part with its own identifying musical statement, a formidable task considering the number of elements involved, and the need to unify them over-all. The Main Title starts with a fanfare which is later used to depict the exterior of the Royal Court, then goes to the Kelno theme followed by the Cady theme and ends with a re-statement of the fanfare. (QB VII Main Title). The love theme for Cady and Samantha (Juliet Mills) (I Cannot See My Love) is a variation on the Cady theme in a major key. How to treat the subject of the concentration camps and human suffering was a difficult problem. Musically, there had to be pain but yet culmination in a feeling of hope. I used the text of the Kaddish, the Jewish mourners prayer, as the words to this theme. The words, in Hebrew, were sung abstractly (The Holocaust), spoken abstractly (Jadwiga Relived), and sung purely (A Kaddish For The Six Million). The music for the building of a new Israel (Rekindling The Flame Of Jehovah) is that of Hora, the national dance of Israel. The new love relationship between Cady and Lady Margaret (Lee Remick) is defined purely romantically (Free To Love Again). For me, the drama of QB VII is more than entertainment. It is a plea to mankind for love and tolerance towards their fellowman - a plea that is both personal and deeply felt by me."

All in all it was a monumental task to make "QB VII" and it has been truly rewarding to have viewers of the completed film call it "a monumental achievement."

- DOUGLAS S. CRAMER

## Side One

- 1. QB VII Main Title 1:50 2. Journey Into The Desert 3:38 3. I Cannot See My Love 3:40
- 4. The Wailing Wall 3:13
- 5. The Escape 1:34 6. The Holocaust 2:45

## Side Two

- 1. Rekindling The Flame Of Jehovah 2:16
- 2. Jadwiga Relived 3:40
- 3. Free To Love Again 2:46
- 4. A New Life 3:21
- 5. A Sorrow Of Two Fathers 1:59
- 6. The Theme From "QB VII"
- (A Kaddish For The Six Million) 2:28

## Album produced by Jerry Goldsmith

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